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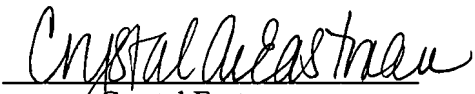
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (WITH RESPONSE)

This Preliminary Amendment with Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2007 in the subject application, and is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In response to the Final Office Action, and in accordance with the RCE filed herewith, please consider the applicants' remarks as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.